

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 45-51 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 9, 21, 28, 33 and 45 being independent. Claims 38-44 have been canceled, claims 1, 9 and 21 have been amended, and claims 45-51 have been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 28-37 and the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 4, 7, 11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23 and 26 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 16, 18-21, 24, 25 and 27 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki '317. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamazaki '317 does not describe or suggest a gate wiring formed in contact with a second insulating film and connected to an electrode, as recited in amended claims 1, 9 and 21. In response to applicants' prior argument that Yamazaki '317 did not describe or suggest forming the gate wiring "on" the second insulating film, the Examiner has stated that "on" is broad enough to encompass the arrangement in Figs. 17A and 17B of Yamazaki '317, with the second conductive layer 1716 corresponding to the recited gate wiring, and the third insulating film 1727 corresponding to the recited second insulating film. However, as clearly shown in Fig. 17B, the second conductive layer 1716 is not formed "in contact with" the third insulating film 1727. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 9 and 21, and the claims the depend from them.

New independent claim 45 similarly recites "a gate wiring formed in contact with said second insulating film, and electrically connected to said at least one electrode." Accordingly, claims 45-51 are also allowable for the reasons presented above.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

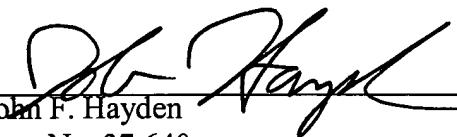
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